

LOCALS.

Virtue is its own reward, but vice gets more publicity.

A steam heating plant has been installed in the United Evangelical church in Millheim.

The farm recently purchased by Pennsylvania State College from Dr. Christ will be officially known as the Thompson farm.

The agency for the Oliver typewriter was secured by Charles D. Bartholomew. He is using one of the late models, and finds it works like a charm.

The Centre County Pomona Grange will convene this (Thursday) forenoon, in Grange Arcadia, to hold its annual meeting. The attendance is expected to be quite large.

It was reported that the Meyer brothers, of Millheim, would engage in the butchering business at Pleasant Gap, but this is an error. They had been dickering for Mr. Millward's business at that place, but for some reason the deal fell through just as it was about to be closed up.

State College residents will hereafter, no doubt, always believe in the virtue of commissions, because that borough, after appealing to the railroad commission, secured a telegraph office. The office will be opened about the first of next month, and Miss Dreese will be the operator.

This from the Reedsville correspondent to the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel: Miss Laura Stover, who went recently to Georges Valley, Centre county, where her parents are living temporarily, has been here during the week, and on pension day she acted in the capacity of chief clerk for Squire Kohler.

John Bower, a retired farmer and Aaronsburg's oldest inhabitant, is confined to his rocker, afflicted mostly with partial blindness and deafness. He spent most of his years on the farm of his father, John Adam Bower, about one mile south of Aaronsburg. For one of his advanced age, ninety-one years, his physical condition is fair.

Spring Mills.

Miss Mabel Allison visited in Bellefonte last week.

Best Krape, who is employed in Howard, is visiting among relatives in this place.

Dr. P. W. Leitzell, of Portland Mills, spent a few days in this vicinity this week. Formerly the doctor was located in this place, which accounts for his many friends here.

Rev. J. Max Lantz is conducting a series of meetings in Millheim.

M. Shires and family are visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Catherman, at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Mrs. W. O. Graden passed from this earth Sunday night. She had been a patient sufferer for more than a year.

At this writing Mrs. D. P. Heckman is in a very critical condition with no hopes for her recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander, of Potters Mills, visited friends in town during the week.

T. M. Gramley spent a day in the county seat during the early part of the week.

B. S. Gramley is making a business trip to Shamokin and Mt. Carmel this week.

John Sowers is wearing that broad smile that will not come off. He says it's a boy.

Between twelve and one o'clock last Thursday morning a fire was discovered in the store building of Andrew Corman, and it was only through miraculous fire fighting that the building was saved.

The entire stock was burned or badly damaged and the store room was pretty badly charred. Both stock and building were insured and the insurance adjusters have made a prompt settlement.

Aaronsburg.

Mr. Miller, of Johnstown, is at present visiting his daughter, Mrs. Donat.

Wm. Stahl, of Illinois, is visiting his sister Mary, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Deshler.

Mrs. J. P. Condo returned home from a week's visit among friends in York.

Miss Eva Kerstetter spent a few days at Coburn.

Mrs. Heckman, of Centre Hall, paid a visit of a few days to her niece, Miss Jennie Rupp, and other friends here.

Miss Grey, of State College, spent a few days with her friend, Miss Beckie Snyder.

Ed. Vonada and his mother, of Macksville, spent a short time with their daughter, Alice Bright.

Mr. Meyer, of Coburn, and sister, Mrs. Gulsewite, of Fidler, spent a day with their father, J. C. Stover, at the home of G. J. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Eisenhauer went to Beavertown, to visit the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bowersox.

Gilbert Eisenhauer is visiting his aged mother, in Middleburg.

James Swabb returned to his home at Tusseyville, after spending a week with his mother.

Mrs. Thomas returned from Bellefonte, where she attended her brother's funeral.

Letter from Illinois

Below is given a letter from J. H. Jordan, of McConnell, Illinois, who recently spent some time in the east, which will explain itself:

As I looked through the columns of the Reporter and noted some of the things that occurred since we returned from our eastern trip, I decided to let my friends know, through your paper, how we enjoyed our trip. We arrived home safely, the evening of December 29. My wife, our son Roy and I were much pleased with the kind hospitality of the people of old Centre. We visited in Penns. Brush and Nittany Valleys, and not the least of our pleasures was the trip to Pennsylvania State College.

I was in Centre Hall three times, and consider it a very clean, up-to-date town, with nice houses and pretty churches, good sidewalks and roads. The weather was fine the evening we arrived in McConnell. We took supper at the home of my brother, Samuel, after which my mother presented to me a gold watch as a Christmas gift, and which was very much appreciated by me.

The sixth of this month was a very cold day. The thermometer registered 20 below zero in the morning, with very little snow on the ground.

Now if any good, steady boys want to work on a farm let me know. There is plenty of work, and the wages are \$25 a month.

Boys Back Old Home.

Ex-sheriff John P. Condo sold his residence at Aaronsburg to Dr. S. C. Musser, from whom he bought the same last spring. The purchase also included a number of acres of land which Mr. Condo had purchased from C. G. Bright at the same time. Dr. Musser is again in possession of the residence which has been in the Musser family for years and will no doubt remain in that family for some time to come. Mr. Condo has not decided definitely where he and his family will locate, but the chances are he will purchase a home in York, and make that his future residence.

Telephone Company Meets.

The annual meeting of The Patrons Rural Telephone Company was held last Thursday at the Garman House, Bellefonte. The finances of the company proved to be in good condition, and the service obtained, over the Bell lines with which system the company is working, altogether satisfactory. The former officers of the company were re-elected. They are: President, Leonard Rhone; vice president, John S. Dale; treasurer, James C. Gilliland; secretary, S. W. Smith.

All Wind That Blows No Good.

Millheim having lost three stores and one hotel the usual evening loafing place of a number of persons is cut off. There are actually some who complain that there is no place to go to and have concluded to stay at home in the evening. The best place for them.

Transfer of Real Estate.

J. B. Heberling, et ux, to William Dele, January 11, 1909; tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$4000.

Katharine McKinney to D. L. Confor, January 11, 1909; tract of land in Howard Boro. \$150.

William Foster, et al, to David F. Smith, tract of land in College twp. \$450.

Wm. J. Dale to Harvey J. Markle, Nov. 25, 1908; tract of land in Spring twp. \$2700.

George W. McGaffey, et ux, to Austin C. Harper, December 28, 1908; Planning Mill property, \$6000.

Mrs. Joseph K. Harkins to Edna A. Dieges, January 2, 1909; house and lot in Phillipsburg. \$1000.

William L. Foster, et al, to J. W. Meyer, January 9, 1909; lot of ground in College twp. \$1350.

John H. Thompson, et ux, to George W. Woodring, January 12, 1909; tract of land in Worth twp. \$150.

Dr. Thos. S. Christ, et al, to Lloyd L. Houtz, January 11, 1909; tract of land in College twp. \$67.50.

Good Company for 1909.

You are careful what choice of friends the young people of your household make. You do not open wide the door to those whose speech and behavior betray ill-breeding and lax morals. Are you as careful to shut it against books and periodicals that present vulgar and demoralizing pictures of life and its purpose? Perhaps you are among those who have found that The Youth's Companion occupies the same place in the family reading that the high-minded young man or woman holds among your associates. The Companion is good without being "goody-goody." In its stories it depicts life truly, but it chooses those phases of life in which duty, honor, loyalty are the guiding motives.

A full description of the current volume will be sent, with sample copies of the paper to any address on request. The new subscriber who at once sends \$1.75 for a year's subscription will receive free The Companion's new Calendar for 1909, "In Grandmother's Garden," lithographed in thirteen colors.

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BEETHOVEN.

The Composer's Own Story of How He Became Deaf.

Charles Neate, on a visit to Vienna, was either commissioned by certain English authorities to induce Beethoven to visit England or was persuading him to do so on his own account, and as an allurement he spoke of the superiority of the English aurists in their treatment of ear disease and held out hopes that were Beethoven to consult them he might at least find some sort of relief. Beethoven shook his head. "No," he said, "I have consulted all kinds of doctors and followed their prescriptions. I shall never be cured. I will tell you how the thing happened."

"I was writing an opera. I had to deal with a very tiresome and capricious tenor. I had already written two great arias to the same words, neither of which pleased him, and also a third, which he did not care for the first time he tried it, although he took it away with him. I was thanking heaven I had done with him and had begun to settle myself to something else which I had laid aside. I had hardly worked at it half an hour before I heard a knock at the door, which I recognized as that of my tenor."

"I sprang up from my table in such a rage that as the man came into the room I flung myself upon the floor, as they do on the stage" (here he threw up his arms and gesticulated in illustration), "but I fell upon my hands. When I got up I found I was deaf, and from that moment I have remained so." The doctor said I injured the nerve. "Diab!'" "Life of Beethoven."

GRAFT IN RUSSIA.

Removing the Difficulties in an Army Officer's Transfer.

A young Russian officer wished to be transferred to another regiment and took his request in person to one of the lights of the Russian general staff. That powerful officer shook his head and declared the matter very difficult to arrange—almost impossible. Then his glance fell suddenly upon the shoes of the lieutenant. To the amazement of his visitor, the senior officer said that the lieutenant's shoes were not nearly good enough for an officer and that he would strongly advise him to buy new shoes of a shoemaker whose address he gave. Then, telling his visitor to return in eight days, he dismissed him. The latter was clever enough to realize that he could not return without the new shoes, so he hurried to the shoemaker. On hearing who had sent him the shoemaker said that the lieutenant could have the shoes in five days for the sum of \$250. Much astonished, the officer went to a comrade for advice. He was told to pay half of this sum at once and the rest when his shoes were finished. This the officer did, and, wearing his new boots, he duly kept his appointment with the general staff officer and learned to his joy that all the "grave difficulties" in the way of his transfer had been successfully removed.

His Hobby.

One man with an odd hobby isn't a person who gets much mail, and what he has or expects to have he can keep in mind very easily. Probably he never had a letter which went astray. Yet every time he sees in the newspapers the list of advertised mail sent out from time to time by the general postoffice in New York he turns at once to the initial letter under which his name comes and runs carefully through the list. He never yet has found any letter that might be supposed to be for him and, furthermore, hasn't found any that might be for any of his relatives. He takes an odd pleasure in doing it, however, something with that eagerness which impels a man to grub through a packet of old letters in hopes that he may come upon some rare variety of stamp. Really, if ever he found his name in the list it probably would kill his enjoyment of the hunt forever thereafter.—New York Sun.

Anticipated Cause For Sorrow.

Ina came in from the country on her fifth birthday to visit her cousin May. At night they were put to bed early. An hour passed, when heartbreaking sobs were heard from the children's bedroom.

"What is the matter, children?" asked May's mother, entering the dark room. "From under the bedclothes Ina sobbed out, 'May won't give me any of her peanuts.'"

"But May has no peanuts," replied her aunt.

"I know that," sobbed Ina, "but she said if she did have peanuts she wouldn't give me any."—Delinctor.

Sufficiently Occupied.

A story is told of a colonel in General Lee's division in the late civil war who sometimes indulged in more apple-jack than was good for him. Passing him one evening leaning against a tree, the general said:

"Good evening, colonel. Come over to my tent for a moment, please."

"S-s-cuse me, g-g-g-n'ral, s-s-cuse me," replied the colonel. "It's 'bout all I can do to stay where I am."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Right Foot Foremost.

Putting the right foot foremost was an old Roman ordination originally regulating the entry of persons into a house or other building and based upon the supposition that the left was unlucky. A boy was kept at the door to see that no one entered the house "left foot first." The phrase quoted is thus seen to be very antique.

It is the wise head that makes the still tongue.—Lucas.

Advertise in the Reporter.

THE OLD CIRCUS POSTER.

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THE TWO ROMEO'S.

Mrs. Siddons' Opinion of David Garrick and Spranger Barry.

David Garrick and Spranger Barry were both playing Romeo at the same time in London. Barry played it at Drury Lane on the Monday, and Garrick played it the next night at Covent Garden, and the town was divided as to which was the greater Romeo—in fact, there was quite a great excitement about it, and they acted it upon such different lines and with such marvellously different conceptions that the people argued the case as to which Shakespeare intended. The fact is that Shakespeare intended it to be acted well, and if one man's temperament suited it best to act in that way it would do for another temperament the other way.

So they asked Mrs. Siddons, who was the Juliet alternately with the same Romeo, which she considered better of the two, and she said:

"It is difficult to say. They are both wonderfully great, but I will tell you how they impress me in the balcony scene. In the balcony scene Garrick seems so eager, so intense and so full of fire and spirit that I'm afraid he'll jump up in the balcony to me, and Barry is so lovable and fascinating that I'm afraid I shall have to jump down from the balcony to him."

The Relationship.

"You say, madam," said the bespectacled lawyer to the woman in the witness box, "that the defendant is a sort of relation of yours. Will you please explain what you mean by that—just how you are related to the defendant?"

The witness beamed upon the court and replied:

"Well, it's just like this. His first wife's cousin and my second husband's first wife's aunt married brothers named Jones, and they were cousins to my mother's aunt. Then, again, his grandfather on his mother's side and my grandfather on my mother's side were second cousins, and his stepmother married my husband's stepfather after his father and my mother died, and his brother Joe and my husband's brother Harry married twin sisters. I ain't never figured out just how close related we are, but I've always looked on 'im as a sort of cousin."

"Quite so," answered the lawyer. "Your explanations are perfectly satisfactory."

Forgetful.

An eminent painter was once asked if he thought art students did well to go to Europe to study. He said that undoubtedly the atmosphere was more artistic in Europe than anywhere else, but that Paris as a city to study and work in was overrated.

To illustrate his meaning he said that a certain rich man's son after three years in Paris wrote home to his father:

"Dear Father—I have made up my mind to set to work. Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether it was painting, architecture or music I came to Paris to study."

Humility.

It is a curious fact of human nature that humility draws forth from the world almost as much admiration as courage. As in the case of courage, it is almost impossible wholly to condemn a character in which we see it, and without it the greatest virtues leave us cold. If every good word which the Pharisee said of himself were proved true we should still dislike him. We even dislike his modern and far less offensive descendant, the prig.—London Spectator.

A Straight Tip.

Customer—Quick shave, please. Barber—Close, sir? Customer—See here, what business is it of yours whether I'm close or not? I'll tell you one thing, young man—I don't tip, if that's what you want to know.—Puck.

His Fears Realized.

"My heart is in my mouth. I am afraid to hear you answer." "You may well be, Mr. Dollboy," retorted Ethel. "I never could marry a man whose heart was not in the right place!"

If a man is worth knowing at all he is worth knowing well.—Alexander, Smith.

The road without a turn, you know, is very long.

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